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REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants request a three-month extension of time from January 03, 2002 to April 03, 2002 to respond to the Office Action of October 03, 2001.

Our check in the amount of \$460.00 to cover the fee for such an extension of time is enclosed.

Please charge any additional fees to our Deposit Account No. 01-1960. One copy of this letter is enclosed for such purpose.

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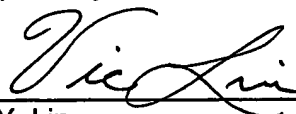
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